



**BRIEFING NOTE TO  
THE COMMISSIONER**

**NOTE D'INFORMATION AU  
COMMISSAIRE**

**HORIZONTAL EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO  
COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**PURPOSE:**

To obtain your approval of the horizontal evaluation of the *National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking* (NAP-HT) and associated Management Response and Action Plan (MRAP), led by Public Safety Canada (PS), in collaboration with RCMP National Program Evaluation Services.

**BACKGROUND:**

**National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking (NAP-HT)**

- As part of the Government of Canada's efforts to combat human trafficking, the NAP-HT was launched on June 6, 2012, to consolidate existing and new anti-human trafficking activities into one comprehensive, coordinated plan. PS is the lead federal department and is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the NAP-HT commitments for eight federal partners including the RCMP.
- The NAP-HT focuses on four core areas known as the 4-pillars: (1) **Prevention** of human trafficking; (2) **Protection** and Assistance for victims; (3) **Detection, Investigation and Prosecution** of Traffickers; and (4) **Partnerships** and stakeholders domestically and internationally.
- The most significant role for the RCMP is the detection, investigation and prosecution of traffickers. As part of the NAP-HT, the RCMP committed to provide targeted HT training and education for law enforcement, establish a dedicated integrated investigative team composed of RCMP, CBSA and local police with the mandate to conduct proactive human trafficking investigations; and enhance intelligence collection, coordination and collaboration.

**Evaluation of the NAP-HT**

- The objective of the evaluation was to evaluate relevance and performance of the NAP-HT from the period of its launch to the time it expired in March 2016.
- The evaluation contains key findings as they relate to the continued need and relevance of the strategy and its alignment with federal government priorities and best practice strategies found in similar, like-minded countries. Based on performance, the following recommendations are being made:
  - Develop a new National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking taking into account the evaluation findings;

- Enhance Canada's response to combat human trafficking by forging closer partnerships with other levels of government, including First Nations, as well as with civil society, the private sector, and bilateral and multilateral partners;
  - Establish a national hotline that would include a referral mechanism to facilitate reporting of instances of human trafficking, assists victims in accessing dedicated services and improves capacity to collect national data on human trafficking; and
  - Put in place a mechanism to collect relevant and reliable performance information, including information on program expenditures to support program management and accountability.
- The evaluation also outlines four recommendations and planned action items to be led by PS, in collaboration with participating organizations.

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- The NAP-HT evaluation report and MRAP has been endorsed by the Deputy of Federal as well as reviewed by the Deputy of Contract and Aboriginal Policing.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Following approval by Deputy Heads in participating departments and agencies, the report and MRAP will be tabled at Public Safety's Performance Measurement and Evaluation Committee for final approval.
- The report will be vetted by RCMP Access to Information as well as shared with National Communication Services for the preparation of media lines.
- A Briefing Note for the Minister of Public Safety will be prepared and provided to you for approval.
- The final vetted evaluation report will be posted on the Department of Public Safety's external website in accordance with the *Policy on Results*.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- It is recommended that you approve the horizontal evaluation of *National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking*, and the MRAP.

  
Approved  
A/Commissioner Dan Dubeau

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